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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Paolo Faraboschi, et al.  
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Filed: December 29, 2000  
For: CIRCUIT AND METHOD FOR INSTRUCTION  
COMPRESSION AND DISPERSAL IN WIDE-ISSUE  
PROCESSORS  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2004, the Applicants respectfully request continued examination of the above-identified patent application.

The shortened statutory period for reply expired on December 16, 2004. The Applicants respectfully request a one (1) month extension of time for responding to the Office Action. The shortened statutory period for reply now expires on January 16, 2005.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.